(c) All possible efforts including intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring are made to eliminate detentions which are within the control of the Railways.

Withdrawal of Trains in Saurashtra Region

2955. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of trains originating from Rajkot and Bhavnagar Railway Divisions and number of narrow-gauge trains have been withdrawn in Saurashtra region recently;

(b) if so, the names of those trains alongwith the reasons for their cancellation;

(c) what is the present status of narrow-gauge lines in above said divisions, as on date;

(d) whether there is any proposal to gauge conversion on narrow gauge line during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following trains were initially suspended due to water shortage. Subsequently these trains have been permanently cancelled w.e.f. 1.7.93 on the basis of review of their patronage:—

1. 277/278 Surendra Nagar-Botad Passenger.
2. 313/314 Rajula City-Rajula Jn. Passenger.
3. 345/346 Jetalsar-Junagarh Fast Passenger.
4. 109/110 Ranuj-Kadi Mixed.
5. 249/250 Kalol-Randheja Mixed.
6. 259/262 Mahesana-Viramgam Fast Passenger.
7. 141/142 Mahesana-Taranga Hill Fast Passenger.

(c) There are no narrow gauge lines on Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisions.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Late running of Suburban Train from Karjat

2956. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that early hour Suburban train leaving Karjat are never punctual due to inefficiency of Railway administration.

(b) whether it is a fact that irate passengers have resorted to rail roko for repeated recurrence of delay departure of Suburban trains from Karjat; and

(c) if so, whether Government are going to institute an enquiry into this incident to take appropriate action against involved persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was a Rail Roko agitation by commuters on 25.11.93.

(c) An enquiry was conducted and further necessary action initiated.

Running of Shatabadi Express between Delhi—Jalandhar

2957. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to start Shatabadi Express between Delhi—Jalandhar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it is likely to be started; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (d) At present there is no proposal to introduce a Shatabadi Express between Delhi and Jalandhar due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

Contracts awarded to Northern Railway in New Delhi

2958. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the contracts awarded by Northern Railway in Delhi during the last 6 months;

(b) whether quotations were invited from the contractors and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the claim of contractors whose rates have lowest were ignored and if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons in each for not awarding the contracts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Agreement with Iran for Railway Projects

2959. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with the Government of Iran for Railways Projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No agreement has been signed, but a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed.

(b) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in Iran between Minister of Railways of India and Minister of Roads and Transportation of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The MOU mentions about possible cooperation for projects in Railway Sector.

सामान चढ़ाते/उतारते समय रेलवे सामान की चोरी

2960. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रेलवे स्टेशनों पर माल के चढ़ाने/उतारने की प्रक्रिया के दौरान सामान की चोरी होती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा जोन-वार रेलवे स्टेशनों पर चोरी किए गए सामान का कुल मूल्य कितना है;

(ग) इस संबंध में दोषी पाये गये सामान का कुल मूल्य कितना है;

(घ) प्रत्येक जोन में दोषी व्यक्तियों को दिये गये दंड का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰ सी॰ लेन्का): (क) और (ख) जी हां, वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान लदान/उतराई प्रक्रिया के दौरान रेलवे स्टेशनों पर चोरी किए गए माल के कुल मूल्य का रेलवे वार ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है:—

(रुपयों में)

रेलवे	दर्ज किए गए मामलों की संख्या	चोरी किए गए माल का मूल्य
मध्य	60	22,739
पूर्व	1	500
उत्तर	11	2,440
पूर्वोत्तर	17	42,971
पूर्वोत्तर सीमा	18	4,653
दक्षिण	4	6,410
दक्षिण-मध्य	—	—
दक्षिण-पूर्व	8	17,245
पश्चिम	1	200
कुल:	120	97,164

(ग) और (घ) 1992-93 की अवधि के दौरान दोषी पाये गए रेलवे पदाधिकारियों की संख्या और उन्हें दिए गए दंड का रेलवार ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है:—